

## ***Repentance: December 10, 2017***

### **Notes from Ryan Engelberth**

#### **Defining Repentance: Turning from sin to Christ**

- Isaiah 55:7
- Christ's first sermon Matthew 4:17
- Jesus command to preach repentance before ascending to heaven.  
Luke 24:47
- Necessity to repent Luke 13:5
- Repentance changed with Christ's sacrifice on the cross
  - Old Testament law required the actions of personal and continued obedience. Gal. 3:10
  - Christ's death on the cross allowed repentant sinners to be saved.
- Warning to the self righteous: Parable of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:7

#### **Two types of sorrow: 2 Corinthians 7:9-10**

1. Godly sorrow producing repentance that leads to salvation without regret
  - allows unbelievers to repent of their sin
  - enables joy and blessing of a Christian's relationship to God
2. Worldly sorrow producing death
  - leads to guilt, shame, despair, depression, self pity, and hopelessness

#### **Worldly (false) repentance based on worldly sorrow**

1. It is horizontal (no recognition of sinning against God)
  - Pain of being caught and impact it has had on your life
  - Feeling the guilt- Judas in Matthew 27:3-5
2. It is purely emotional and not spiritual (not transformative)
  - "I will never do that again"
  - Brought on by the pain in life
3. It is passive towards the cause of the sorrow
  - Doesn't try kill the sin, tries to train it

- This leaves the root of the sin to manifest itself another way or repeat itself
- 4. It is full of pride and avoids responsibility and consequences
  - Blames others and the circumstances of life

### **Godly Repentance based on godly sorrow**

There are six things that Thomas Watson writes about in “The Doctrine of Repentance” that lead to true repentance:

#### **1. *Sight of sin***

- Parable of the prodigal son Luke 15:11-32
  - vs 17 “But when he came to himself”
- Solomon speaking of repentance 1 Kings 8:46-52
  - vs 47 “yet when they come to themselves”

#### **2. *Sorrow of sin***

- Woman washes Jesus’ feet with her tears Luke 7:36-50

#### **3. *Confession of sin***

- a. Needs to be voluntary
- b. Needs to resent the sin
- c. Needs to be sincere
- d. Needs to be specific
- e. Needs to be with resolve to kill sin and not repeat it

#### **4. *Shame of sin***

- not worldly shame that medicates sin with sin
- shame that humbles us, and allows us to live in the joy of the Lord
- Despising the shame Hebrews 12:2

#### **5. *Hatred of sin***

- To set your spirit to fully hate sin in all of its forms

#### **6. *Turning from sin***

- Isaiah 55:7
- Not for one’s self, but to honor God
- It is so visible, others discern it Act 26:20 and Luke 3:8
- True turning from sin removes all paths for its return

## **Becoming Known**

1. Why live in the fear of being caught?
  - David writes of his bones wasting away Psalm 32:1-5
2. What hope do we have behind our fake facades?
  - Being 99 percent known, is to be fully unknown
  - We have become more concerned about the image we project to others than we are in being fully set free by being fully known.
3. Accountability with others
  - The devil can't say, I know who you really are because my response is, yep that is why I talk to my accountability partners about that.
  - Spiritual restoration by bearing one another's burdens Gal. 6:1-2
  - As a community of believers, we can kill our sins together

## **True repentance to God will lead to repentance with others.**

1. Pursuit to fix the fallout of your sin
2. Zacchaeus repaying those he wronged Luke 19:8-10
3. When repentance is happening, you long to repent to others
4. You do as much as you can, making your part right and give the rest to God

Repentance is truly a sweet surrender to God

## **Notes from Jim Lesko**

### **Repentance is central to the gospel**

Acts 2:38: *'Repent and be baptized ...'*

2 Peter 3:9: *'The Lord is ... not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance'*

2 Corinthians 7:10: *'Godly sorrow... leads to repentance'*

Proverbs 28:13: *'He who covers his sin will not prosper'*

Isaiah 30:15: *'In repentance ... is rest'*

**People who are called by God or who have lived a godly life are tempted to feel pride or anger toward others**

Jonah 4:9 (Jonah was asked by God if he had any right to be angry... to which he said 'I do.')

Luke 15:28-32 (The prodigal son's older brother became angry when he saw the special treatment of his brother... because he had lived rightly and his brother had not)

Throughout a Christian life, we are tempted with pride, self-righteousness unkindness, slander, gossip, not being contrite, self-pleasing, hypocritical, etc.

**Repentance should be considered often: by everyone**

Romans 3:23 *'For all have sinned [today/this week/frequently] and fall short of the glory of God'*